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TEXTILE EXPORTS TO US
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the textile export from India to US as per Indian records is on decline whereas the revelation made by US Government shows that Indian textile imports to the US has increased after the dismantling of the MFA;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any inquiry to identify the facts of the aforesaid matter;

(c) if so, the outcome of the inquiry and measures taken to ensure the accuracy of the data;

(d) whether the Government have brought to the knowledge of US Govt. the issue of mismatch in the textile export/import data maintained by both the countries; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the US Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): The Directorate of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics` (DGCI&S) provisional export data and the import data of US authorities show increase in India`s textile exports to US in the post quota period i.e., after 1.1.2005. While the DGCI&S` data shows that India`s textile exports to US during the period January-March, 2005 were 1.33% higher than the corresponding period of previous year, the US trade data shows a growth of 8.24% in imports of textiles products from India during the period January-March, 2005 vis-Ã -vis corresponding period of last year. However, certain exporters have expressed that there is an underestimation of export figures given in the DGCI&S data.

(d) & (e): No, Sir.